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BURTON LATIMER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report by J. T. Murphy, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.
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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my annual report for the year 1942. Certain items of the report have to be omitted in accordance with instructions of the Ministry of Health.

The Sewage Disposal Works and the conditions of the sewage effluent have not been satisfactory and no improvement can be obtained until the drainage is connected to the Kettering Corporation Sewage Disposal Works. This scheme has been suspended until after the war.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and also to my fellow officials for their support and help throughout the year.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

J. T. MURPHY.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A. Vital Statistics.

LIVE BIRTHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate ...	57	32	25
Illegitimate ...	3	1	2
Totals -	60	33	27

Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 15.59

STILL-BIRTHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate ...	1	-	1
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-
Totals -	1	-	1

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births - 16.39

DEATHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.
	36	16	20

Death-rate per 1,000 estimated population. Crude rate - 9.35

Deaths from Puerperal Causes .... Nil.

Deaths of infants under one year of age. Males - Nil. Females - 2.
Death-rate of infants per 1,000 live births. 33.33

Deaths from measles (all ages).	Nil.
Deaths from whooping cough (all ages).	1
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1
Deaths from cancer.	6
Deaths from heart disease and other circulatory disturbances.	10

Rates per 1,000 civilian population:-

	England & Wales.	Smaller Towns. 25,000 to 50,000 population.	Burton Latimer.
Death-rate.	11.6	12.1	9.35
Live birth-rate.	15.8	18.4	15.59
Deaths under one year of age. (Per 1,000 live births).	49	46	33.33

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services.

These were similar to 1941. During the year a weekly Venereal Diseases Clinic was opened at the Kettering and District General Hospital by the Northamptonshire County Council.

Under the Scabies Order, 1941, 18 cases were treated for scabies.

Immunisation against diphtheria was carried out at the schools, and, on the third Wednesday of each month, at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic.

The total number of children who completed the full course of immunisation from 1st January to 31st December, 1942, was as follows:-

Under 5 years.	Between 5 and 15 years.		
73	173	=	246 Total.

The number of children immunised since the scheme began (January, 1941) to 31st December, 1942:-

141	413	=	554 Total.

The percentage immunised being:-

Under 5 years.	Between 5 and 15 years.
54%	69%

SECTION C & E. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area and Inspection of Food.

Report by G. C. Borman, Cert. R. San. I.,
Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

Water Supply. There has been an adequate supply of water from the Council's Waterworks at Weekley during the year. Water is also taken in bulk from the Woodford supply of the Thrapston Rural District Council which is connected to the Council's mains.

The water is chlorinated. Periodical analyses of the water have been made and the results have been satisfactory in every case.

Twenty-eight samples of water have been analysed during the year, chiefly from shallow wells and town supply laid on when the report was unsatisfactory.

Sewage Disposal. The sewage disposal works are still badly overloaded, but the scheme for connecting to the Kettering Corporation Works is suspended during the war.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area. Routine and other inspections were made during the year and all nuisances detected were satisfactorily abated without legal proceedings having to be taken.

Slaughterhouses. All livestock are now killed at Kettering.

Milk Supply. Twenty-eight milk samples were taken during the year. The results were twelve good, six moderate and ten failed to pass the test. The dairies and cowsheds were regularly inspected.

SECTION F. Infectious Diseases.

The infectious diseases notified were as follows:-

Measles	17
Whooping Cough	47
Pneumonia	7
Scarlet Fever	14
Puerperal Pyrexia	1

Pneumonia. All the patients were nursed at home. There was one death.

Scarlet Fever. Four persons were removed to hospital. No deaths occurred.

All the cases of measles and whooping cough were nursed at home. There was one death from whooping cough.

The case of puerperal pyrexia was removed to hospital.

Tuberculosis.

The following cases were notified during the year:-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis - 1 Female.

Deaths during the year:-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis - 1 Male, 1 Female.

The following figures show the number of cases of tuberculosis on the register at the end of 1942:-

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	5	9	14
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis.	4	2	6
			20

EVACUATION.

The number of evacuees in the area, at the end of 1942, was as follows:-

Mothers	18
Children with mothers	42
Unaccompanied children	106
Teachers, helpers and other adults	34
	200